



## Panthic Resolution Placed Before the Akal Takhat

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### Preamble

With humility and Panthic reverence, Panch Pardhani (UK) places this resolution before the Akal Takhat Sahib as the outcome of collective deliberation undertaken in the spirit of Gurmat, Sarbat da Bhala, and Panthic responsibility.

We affirm our deep respect for the Akal Takhat Sahib as the historic seat of the Sikh Panth's temporal conscience and as a symbol of collective Sikh sovereignty exercised through moral authority, deliberation, and ethical leadership.

Operating as a Sikh organisation within the legal framework of the United Kingdom, we seek guidance, clarity, and principled alignment, not confrontation, fragmentation, or presumption.

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### 1. On Panthic Maryada and Collective Deliberation

Panch Pardhani (UK) affirms that the Sikh Panth is sustained through collective reasoning, humility, and moral persuasion, not coercion or imposed conformity.

Panthic unity is strengthened through dialogue and consent, consistent with the traditions of Sarbat Khalsa and Gurmata.

Respectful questioning, contextual interpretation, and reasoned dissent, when grounded in Gurmat, are integral to Sikh collective life and do not constitute defiance or disloyalty.

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### 2. On Gurdwara Governance and Sikh Dispute Resolution

Panch Pardhani (UK) respectfully submits that Gurdwaras are collective Panthic institutions held in trust for the sangat and must be governed through transparent, accountable, and democratic processes consistent with Gurmat and applicable law.



No individual or faction may claim unchecked authority over Sikh institutions. Any internal Sikh mechanisms for dispute resolution may function only as voluntary, advisory, and reconciliatory forums, rooted in consent, equity, and justice, and must not claim coercive authority, substitute statutory courts, or undermine individual dignity, safeguarding obligations, or lawful governance.

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### 3. On the Akal Takhat's Role and Moral Authority

Panch Pardhani (UK) affirms that the Akal Takhat Sahib occupies a unique and honoured place as the historic institution through which the Panth articulates collective moral conscience.

Its authority is most enduring and unifying when exercised through Panth-wide consultation, transparency of process, and Gurmat-consistent reasoning. Moral authority is strengthened, not weakened, when guidance resonates across diverse Sikh contexts and lived realities.

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### 4. On Panthic Resolutions, Collective Self-Determination, Justice, and Global Responsibility

*(Consolidated and Embedded Statement)*

Panch Pardhani (UK), with humility and respect, submits that the Sikh Panth, constituted through Gurmat and the Guru-Panth tradition, is a distinct moral, spiritual, and historical people possessing the inherent and enduring right to determine its collective religious, cultural, institutional, and political future in accordance with justice, dignity, and collective conscience; that this right flows from ethical sovereignty rooted in truth, justice, and Panthic responsibility, and is not extinguished by historical subjugation, denial of justice, or changing state arrangements; that past Panthic expressions arose during periods of profound repression and articulated both grievance and the moral claim that a people whose identity and institutions are persistently denied retains the right to re-imagine and re-assert its collective future through Panth-wide deliberation; that while the ethical substance of such expressions remains binding upon the conscience of the Panth, their specific political formulations were necessarily shaped by context and cannot be frozen, foreclosed, or mechanically transposed across time, geography, or differing legal systems; that no single articulation, organisation, or generation may permanently delimit the Panth's political horizon; that the global presence of the Sikh Panth requires



coordination and shared responsibility without conferring permanent or exclusive representative authority; and that Panthic unity is best preserved through principled, good-faith interpretation which safeguards justice and dignity while allowing ethical continuity and collective agency across generations and jurisdictions.

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## 5. On Diaspora Sikh Realities

Panch Pardhani (UK) respectfully notes that Sikhs living outside India operate under diverse constitutional and legal systems. Lawful engagement, ethical advocacy, historical truth-telling, and institutional protection remain legitimate Panthic duties in diaspora contexts. Commitment to Gurmat does not require mechanical endorsement of any single political programme or historical formulation.

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## 6. On Panthic Unity and Global Coordination

The meeting submits that Panthic unity cannot be imposed through denunciation, exclusion, or claims of exclusive authority.

Unity is sustained through dialogue, humility, and shared ethical commitment.

Global Sikh coordination must remain consultative, accountable, and non-authoritarian, complementing and not overriding, local democratic Sikh institutions.

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## Concluding Ardas-like Affirmation

With folded hands, Panch Pardhani (UK) places this resolution before the Akal Takhat Sahib in the spirit of seva, humility, and collective accountability.

We affirm that the Sikh Panth's sovereignty is ethical and collective; that political forms may evolve with time and circumstance; and that the Panth's commitment to truth (ਸਚ), justice (ਨਿਆਉ), and collective dignity (ਪੰਥਕ ਮਰਯਾਦਾ) remains indivisible.

We seek guidance, dialogue, and principled alignment, and offer this resolution as a sincere contribution toward Panthic clarity, cohesion, and collective responsibility.